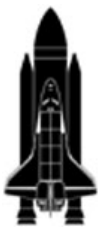


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Tradition will mark ISS command change; Expedition 3 crew to return Dec. 17



Employees more than fill Xmas stockings for Salvation Army



▲ ISS Update: A ceremony to mark the change of command from Frank Culbertson to Yuri Onufrienko will take place at 2:48 p.m. today, Dec. 13. Culbertson, in his 123rd day in space, will ceremoniously pass command of the Space Station to Onufrienko, its newest commander. The event continues the tradition begun by Expedition 1 Commander Bill Shepherd in March 2001, when he relinquished command of the ISS to Expedition 2 Commander Yuri Usachev. The STS-108 and Expedition 3 crews will return to Earth Monday, Dec. 17, with a scheduled KSC landing at 1:03 p.m. EST.

▲ Donations Surpass Expectations: The Space Coast Chapter of FEW gives a heartfelt 'Thank You' to all Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force employees who generously donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Stockings. FEW members, as well as other KSC friends, stuffed 200 stockings on Dec. 5 and Dec. 10 and delivered them to the Salvation Army Christmas Kids. In addition to the 200 stockings, 8 - 10 other boxes full of stocking items were delivered for handout to the children at the Annual Christmas Party. KSC and CCAFS employees showed they share the spirit of sharing and caring.

◆ Education Opportunity: The University of Florida is accepting applications for the next offering of the Outreach Engineering Management (OEM) master's degree program, which begins in August 2002. The OEM program awards an engineering master's degree following 20 months of live instruction, and is a collaboration between UF's Colleges of Engineering and Business. Classes meet only one weekend per month. For more information

or to request an application packet, visit the OEM Web site (<http://www.ise.ufl.edu/oemp>) or contact the OEM program office (1-800-321-0199 or e-mail engrman@ise.ufl.edu).

◆ NASA Science: For centuries scientists have regarded reports of sounds from meteors with skepticism. Edmund Halley himself in the 18th century said they were little more than "pure fantasy." Yet earlier this month plenty of sky watchers heard strange hissing and sizzling noises during the Leonid meteor storm. Was it a hallucination? Read the full story at the Web site http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast26nov_1.htm?ist550276.

◆ Launch Area Clinic (LAC) Will Be Temporarily Closed For Construction Next Month -- The Launch Area Clinic (LAC located in the MFF) will be closed for construction from Jan. 12, to Feb. 9. All medical services will be provided at the Occupational Health Facility (OHF, M6-495) from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during the construction period. Emergency Medical Services are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. For all emergencies dial 911.

◆ Did You Know? Flu vaccine is available this month at the following clinics:

- Occupational Health Facility in the KSC Industrial area 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.
- Launch Area Clinic (MFF) – 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.

No appointment is necessary. For more information, please contact Nancy Zuhlke, 867-2025. ★

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